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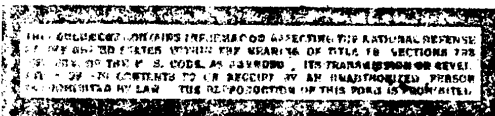
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Construction of Road Bridges in
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1. In early August 1953, [redacted] the road bridges over the Oder River near Hohenwritzen, on the Bad Freienwalde-Zehden road, and southeast of Schwedt on the road to Niederkraenig, were under construction.¹ The debris of the destroyed road bridge near Mescherin was being removed from the river.² 50X1-HUM
2. In late July, [redacted] the embankment between Buschmuehlenweg and the Oder river near Frankfurt/Oder was nearing completion. The foundations for the bridge piers were being constructed in the flood area of the river. As far as could be observed from the western bank of the river, earth works were still under way on the eastern bank of the river.³ 50X1-HUM
3. In mid-July, [redacted] construction work on the autobahn bridge near Puedersdorf continued.⁴ 50X1-HUM
4. In July, the bridge over the Mulde River between Wurzen and Bennewitz, on Highway No 6, was being reinforced. The wooden planking of the roadway was replaced by a concrete surface.⁵
5. [redacted] a blueprint of the Oder river bridge under construction near Schwedt-Niederkraenig, status of May 1953.¹ 50X1-HUM
6. On 31 July 1953, [redacted] the following bridges were completed after 1 January 1953: 50X1-HUM
 - a. Bridge F 109-F 1, over the railroad line near Blindow. The bridge was opened to traffic on 1 April.
 - b. Bridge APP-D-2 over Lake Toupitz near Gross Koeris. 50X1-HUM
Opened to traffic on 15 May.

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- c. Bridge ABR-E-11 over the Muehlenfließ near Ruedersdorf. The first lane was opened to traffic on 1 May, the second lane, which is still under construction, will probably be completed in 1954.
- d. Bridge ABST-B-21 over the railroad line near Alt Huettendorf. One lane opened to traffic on 1 May, second lane under construction.
- e. Bridge ABST-B-22 over a category I road near Alt Huettendorf. One lane opened to traffic on 15 April, second lane under construction.
- f. Bridge ABST-B-25 over a category I road near Werbellin. One lane opened to traffic on 1 April, second lane under construction.
- g. Bridge ABST-B-30. One lane opened to traffic on 1 April, second lane under construction.
- h. Road construction project Frankfurt/Oder II. The project consists of 10 bridges. Bridge No 9 was completed but not yet opened to traffic.
- i. Bridge ABST-P-38 near Lanke. One lane opened on 1 June, second lane under construction.
- j. Bridge ABST-B-15 over a railroad line near Steglitz. The bridge was opened to traffic on 4 July.
- k. Bridge ABST-B-27 over field path near Werbellin. One lane completed on 1 June, the other lane under construction.
- l. Bridge AFB-B-15 over Highway No 87 near Duben. One lane completed on 25 April, second lane under construction.
- m. Bridge ABD-B-9 over the railroad line near Schipkau. One lane opened to traffic on 15 April. The former emergency bridge is being dismantled. Work on the construction of the second lane will not be started before 1954.
- n. Bridge F 184 SA-9 (Schumann Bridge) in Dessau-Rooslau. One lane opened to traffic on 6 March, the other lane under construction.
- o. Bridge F 185 SA-1 over the Leitha River near Guesten. The bridge was opened to traffic on 14 June.
- p. Bridge AEB-T-86 over the Ilm River near Mellingen. One lane opened to traffic on 16 March, second lane under construction.
- q. Bridge F 247-T-4 over the Unstrut River near Muehlhausen. Opened to traffic on 8 April.
- r. Bridge AEB-T-106 over the Saale River near Coeschwitz. One lane opened to traffic on 1 April, second lane under construction.
- s. Bridge F 6 S-50 near Rosenhain Dolgowitz. Opened to traffic on 1 May.
- t. Bridge ABST-B-20 over field path near Alt Huettendorf. One lane opened to traffic on 15 June, second lane under construction.

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- u. Bridge ABST-B 19 over field path near Glambeck. Opened to traffic on 16 March.
 - v. Bridge F 101 SA-27 over the Hulsnitz River near Kotschka. The structure was completed in late June. However, it will not be opened to traffic before another eight weeks, when road construction work will be completed.
 - w. Bridge F 182-B-12 over Haupt Canal near Landin. Opened to traffic on 5 July.
 - x. Bridge AEB-S-213 over Luettelbach brook near Frankenberg. One lane opened to traffic on 3 August, second lane under construction.
 - y. Bridge F 192-M-6 over the Elde River near Eldenburg. Opened to traffic on 14 June.
 - z. Bridge F 86-B-1 over the Wipper River near Furgoerner. Opened to traffic on 3 January.
7. The Stein Bridge over the Oder River in Frankfurt/Oder, which was demolished in April 1945, was replaced by a new permanent bridge completed in May 1952. In the meantime, traffic was rerouted over a temporary bridge connecting Lebuser Mauerstrasse and Leopoldstrasse in Frankfurt/Oder. The new bridge is about five meters higher than the destroyed structure. The new bridge and the temporary bridge must not be used by the population; they are guarded by Soviet soldiers who wear green hat ribbons.

- 1. Comment. Both bridges were included in the 1953 bridge construction program.
- 2. Comment. This information refers to the Oder river bridge at Greifenhagen-Mescherin, work on the reconstruction of which was started by the Poles in late May 1953.
- 3. Comment. This information refers to the autobahn bridge over the Oder River under construction south of Frankfurt/Oder.
- 4. Comment. This project was included in the 1953 bridge construction program.
- 5. Comment. The bridge involved is 136 meters long.
- 6. Comment. The bridges mentioned under a through x were included in the 1953 bridge construction program.

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